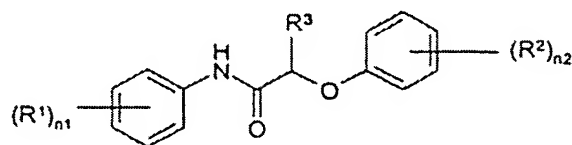


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) Compounds of the general formula (I)



(I)

in which:

$R^1$ , which may be identical or different, are chosen independently from -Hal, -O-Alk, -N(Alk)<sub>2</sub>, -NH-C(=O)-Alk, -O-C-Hal<sub>3</sub>, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NHAlk, -C(=O)Hal, -C(=O)OAlk, -OH, -C(=O)-NH<sub>2</sub>, -C(=O)-NHAlk, -C(=O)-N(Alk)<sub>2</sub>, -NH-(C=O)-OAlk; -H, -CN, -Alk, -C(=O)Alk, -NAlk-C(O)-O-Alk and -NAlk<sub>2</sub>;

$n_1$  = integer between 1 and 5;

$R^2$ , which may be identical or different, are chosen independently from -X-(C=O)-Y-(A)<sub>n</sub> and -CN;

$n_2$  = integer between 1 and 5;

$n=0$  when Y=Hal;  $n=1$  when Y=O or  $n=2$  when Y=N;

X = bond or -Alk-;

Y = -O-, -N- or Hal;

A = -H, -Alk, -Alk-Ar, -Alk-Het, -Ar or -Het, Ar and Het optionally being substituted by Het or Hal;

$R^3$  = -H, -Alk, -NAlk<sub>2</sub>, -NHAlk or -NH<sub>2</sub>

with the exception of the compounds for which:

- $R^2$  = -CN in position 4 (4-CN),  $n_2$  = 1,
  - $R^3$  = H,  $n_1$  = 2 and  $R^1$  = (2-NHMe, 5-NO<sub>2</sub>); or
  - $R^3$  = Me,  $n_1$  = 1 and  $R^1$  = -NH-(C=O)-O-Me;
- $R^2$  = 4-(-COOH),  $n_2$  = 1, and

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         -  $R^3 = \text{H}$ ,  $n1 = 4$ , and  $R^1 = (2\text{-OH}, 3, 5\text{-diCl}, 4\text{-Me})$

- $R^2 = 4\text{-(COOMe)}$ ,  $n2 = 1$ ,  $n1 = 1$  and -  $R^3 = \text{H}$ ,  $R^1 = 2\text{-(C(=O)-CH}_3)$

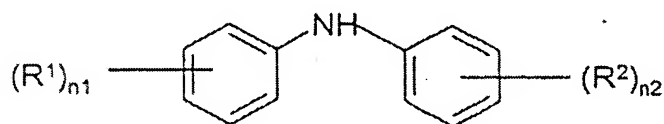
and also the addition salts thereof.

2.        (Original)        Compounds of the general formula (I) according to Claim 1, such that:  $R^1 = \text{-Hal}$ ,  $\text{-O-Alk}$ ,  $\text{-N(Alk)}_2$ ,  $\text{-NH-C(=O)-Alk}$ ,  $\text{-O-C-Hal}_3$  or  $\text{-NO}_2$ .
3.        (Currently Amended) Compounds according to Claim 1 or 2, in which  $n1 = 1$ .
4.        (Currently Amended) Compounds according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims, in which:  $R^2 = \text{-(C=O)-NH}_2$ ,  $\text{-COOH}$ ,  $\text{-COHal}$ ,  $\text{-(C=O)-OAlk}$ ,  $\text{-CN}$ ,  $\text{-(C=O)-NH-Het}$ ,  $\text{-(C=O)-NH-Alk-Het}$ ,  $\text{-Alk-(C=O)-NH-Phe}$ ,  $\text{-Alk-(C=O)-NH-Het}$ ,  $\text{-Alk-(C=O)-NH-Phe-Hal}$ ,  $\text{-Alk-(C=O)-NH-Phe-Het}$ .
5.        (Currently Amended) Compounds according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~, in which  $n2 = 1$ .
6.        (Currently Amended) Compounds according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~, in which  $R^3 = \text{-H}$  or  $\text{-Alk}$ .
7.        (Currently Amended) Compounds according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ in which  $R^1 = \text{-F}$ ,  $\text{-Cl}$ ,  $\text{-O-Me}$ ,  $\text{-NMe}_2$ ,  $\text{-NH-C(=O)-Me}$ ,  $\text{-O-CF}_3$  or  $\text{-NO}_2$ .
8.        (Currently Amended) Compounds according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~, in which:  $R^2 = \text{-CN}$ ,  $\text{-COOH}$ ,  $\text{-COCl}$ ,  $\text{-(C=O)-OMe}$ ,  $\text{-(C=O)-OEt}$ ,  $\text{-(C=O)-NH}_2$ ,  $\text{-(C=O)-NH-Py}$ ,  $\text{-CH}_2\text{-(C=O)-NH-Py}$ ,  $\text{-(C=O)-NH-(CH}_2)_3\text{-Im}$ ,  $\text{-CH}_2\text{-(C=O)-NH-Phe}$ ,  $\text{-CH}_2\text{-(C=O)-NH-Phe-F}$  or  $\text{-CH}_2\text{-(C=O)-NH-Phe-Morph}$ .

9. (Currently Amended) Compounds of the general formula (I) according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, chosen from:

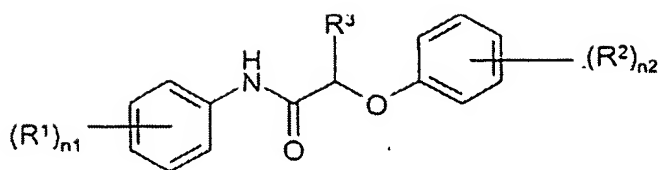
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 4-{2-[(4-methoxyphenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} benzoyl chloride  
 2-(4-{2-[(4-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}phenoxy)-N-2 methoxyphenylacetamide  
 2-(4-{2-[(4-methoxyphenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-N-4-morpholin-4-ylphenyl)-acetamide  
 2-[4-(2-anilino-2-oxoethyl)phenoxy]-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetamide  
 2-(4-{2-[(4-methoxyphenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-N-pyridin-3-ylethanamide ethyl  
 4-{2-[(4-methoxyphenylamino)-2-oxoethoxy} benzoate  
 N-[3-(1 h-imidazol-1-yl)propyl]-4-{2-[(methoxyphenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} benzamide  
 methyl 4-{2-[(4-dimethylaminophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} benzoate methyl 4-{2-[(4-N-acetylaminophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} benzoate 4-(2-oxo-2-{[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]amino}ethoxy)benzamide 2-(4-cyanophenoxy-N-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]acetamide  
 4-{2-[(4-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} benzamide  
 4-{2-[(4-Nitrophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}(benzamide  
 methyl 4-{2-[(3-chlorophenyl)amino]-2oxoethoxy} benzoate  
 methyl 4-{2-[(4-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} benzoate methyl  
 4-(1-{ [(4-fluorophenyl)amino]carbonyl} propoxy)benzoate  
 and also the addition salts thereof.

10. (Original) Process for the preparation of the compounds of the general formula



(II)

characterized in that a Smiles rearrangement is performed, starting with the compounds of the general formula (1)



(I)

in which, in the general formulae (I) and (II):

$R^1$ , which may be identical or different, are chosen independently from -Hal, -O-Alk, -N(Alk)<sub>2</sub>, -NH-C(=O)-Alk, -O-C-Hal<sub>3</sub>, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NHAlk, -COOH, -C(=O)Hal, -C(=O)OAlk, -OH, -C(=O)-NH<sub>2</sub>, -C(=O)-NHAlk, -C(=O)-N(Alk)<sub>2</sub>, -N-(C=O)-OAlk; -H, -CN, -Alk, -C(=O)Alk, -NAlk-CO-OAlk and -NAlk<sub>2</sub>,

$n_1$  = integer between 1 and 5;

$R^2$ , which may be identical or different, are chosen independently from -X-(C=O)-Y-(A)<sub>n</sub> and -CN;

$n_2$  = integer between 1 and 5;

$n$  = 0 when  $Y = \text{Hal}$ ;  $n = 1$  when  $Y = \text{O}$  or  $n = 2$  when  $Y = \text{N}$ ;

$X$  = bond or -Alk-;

$Y$  = -O-, -N- or Hal;

$A$  = -H, -Alk, -Alk-Ar, -Alk-Het, -Ar or -Het, Ar and Het optionally being substituted by Het or Hal;

$R^3$  = -H, -Alk, -NAlk<sub>2</sub>, -NHAlk or -NH<sub>2</sub>.

11. (Original) Process according to Claim 10, for which, in the general formulae (I) and (II),

$R^1$  = -Hal, -O-Alk, -N(Alk)<sub>2</sub>, -NH-C(=O)-Alk, -O-C-Hal<sub>3</sub> or -NO<sub>2</sub>;

$n_1$  = 1;

$R^2$  = -(C=O)-NH<sub>2</sub>, -COOH, -COHal, -(C=O)-OAlk, -CN, -(C=O)-NH-Het, -(C=O)-NH-Alk-Het, -Alk-(C=O)-NH-Phe, -Alk-(C=O)-NH-Het, -Alk-(C=O)-NH-Phe-Hal or -Alk-(C=O)-NH-Phe-Het,

$n_2$  = 1;

$R^3$  = -H or -Alk.

12. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 10 or 11, for which, in the general formulae (I) and (II),

$R^1 = -F-Cl, -O-Me, -NMe_2, -NH-C(=O)-Me, -O-CF_3$  or  $-NO_2$ ,  
 $N1\_1$ ;  
 $R^2 = -CN, -COOH, -COOL, -(C-O)-Me, -(C=O)-OEt, -(C=O)-NH_2, -(C=O)-NH-Py,$   
 $-CH_2-(C=O)-NH-Py, -(C=O)-NH-CH-(CH_2)_3-Im, -CH_2-(C=O)-NH-Phe,$   
 $-CH_2-(C=O)-NH-Phe-F$  or  $-CH_2-(C=O)-NH-Phe-Morph,$   
 $n2-1$ ;  
 $R^3 = -H$  or  $Et$

13. (Currently Amended) Process according to claim 10 ~~any one of Claims 10 to 12~~, for which the compounds of the general formula (I) are chosen from:

4-{2-[(4-methoxyphenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}-N-pyridin-3-ylbenzamide methyl 4-{2-[(4-methoxyphenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} benzoate 4-{2-[(4-methoxyphenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} benzoic acid 4-{2-[(4-methoxyphenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} benzoyl chloride 2-(4-{2-[(4-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl} phenoxy)-N-2-methoxyphenylacetamide 2-(4-{2-[(4-methoxyphenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} phenyl)-N-4-morpholin-4-ylphenylacetamide 2-[4-(2-anilino-2-oxoethyl)phenoxy]-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetamide 2-(4-{2-[(4-methoxyphenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} phenyl)-N-pyridin-3-ylethanamide ethyl 4-{2-[(4-methoxyphenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} benzoate  
 N-[3-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)propyl]-4-{2-[(4-methoxyphenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} benzamide methyl 4-{2-[(4-dimethylaminophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} benzoate methyl 4-(2-[(4-N-acetylaminophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy) benzoate 4-(2-oxo-2-{[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]amino}ethoxy) benzamide 2-(4-cyanophenoxy)-N-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]acetamide 4-{2-[(4-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} benzamide 4-{2-[(4-Nitrophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} (benzamide methyl 4-{2-[(3-chlorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} benzoate methyl 4-{2-[(4-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy} benzoate methyl 4-(1-{[(4-fluorophenyl)amino]carbonyl} propoxy) benzoate and also the addition salts thereof.

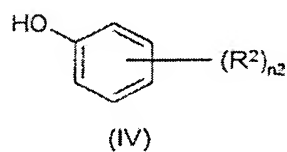
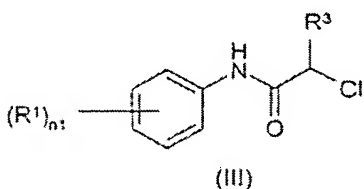
14. (Currently Amended) Process according to claim 10 ~~any one of Claims 10 to 13~~, which is performed in basic medium, in a suitable solvent, with stirring and at reflux.

15. (Original) Process according to Claim 14, for which the base is chosen from sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide and potassium carbonate.

16. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 14 ~~or 15~~, for which the solvent is chosen from amides.

17. (Currently Amended) Process according to claim 14 ~~any one of Claims 14 to 16~~, which is performed at between 70 and 160°C.

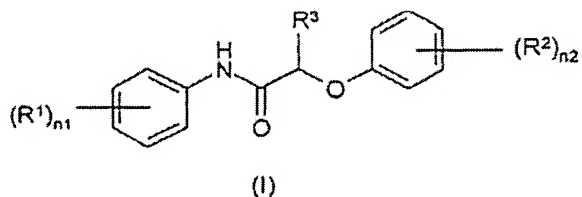
18. (Currently Amended) Process according to claim 10, wherein compound (I) is proposed using compounds of formula III and IV:



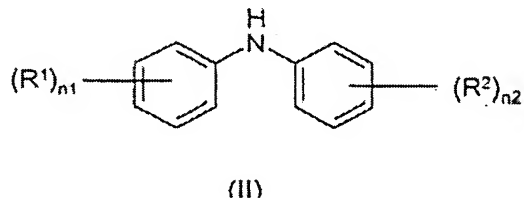
in which R¹, R², R³, n1 and n2 are as defined in claim 10 ~~Claims 10 to 12~~,  
and for which the process is performed in basic medium, in a suitable solvent, with stirring  
and at reflux ~~any one of Claims 5 to 12, for which~~.

The compound of the general formula (II) is obtained ~~by using the compounds of the general formulae (III) and (IV), as defined according to any one of Claims 21 to 24, without~~ isolation of the intermediate compound (1) formed.

19. (Currently Amended) Use of the compounds of the general formula (I)

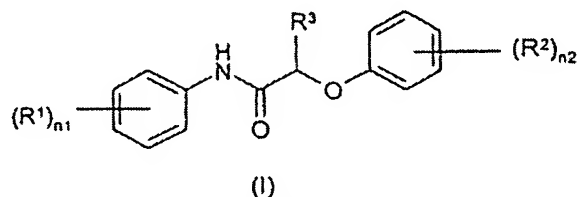


for the preparation of compounds of the general formula (II):

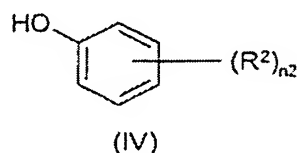
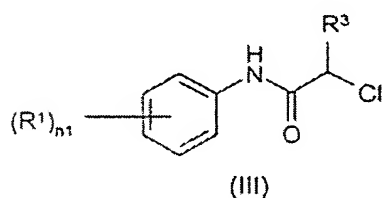


in which  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are as defined in claim 10 ~~Claims 10 to 12~~.

20. (Currently Amended) Process for the preparation of the compounds of the general formula (I)



characterized in that the compounds of the general formulae (III) and (IV) are used:



in which  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are as defined in claim 10 ~~Claims 10 to 12~~,

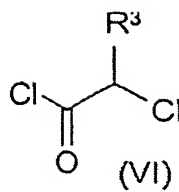
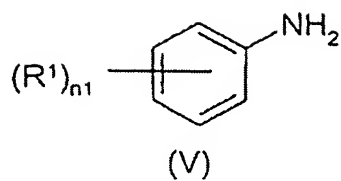
and for which the process is performed in basic medium, in a suitable solvent, with stirring and at reflux.

21. (Original) Process according to Claim 20, for which the base is chosen from sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide and potassium carbonate.

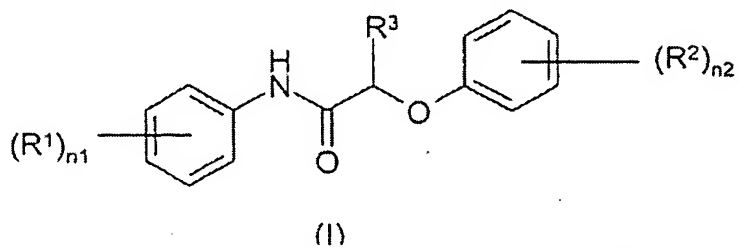
22. (Original) Process according to Claim 21, for which the solvent is chosen from amides.

23. (Currently Amended) Process according to claim 21 ~~either of Claims 21 and 22~~, which is performed at a temperature of between room temperature and 130°C.

24. (Currently Amended) Process according to claim 21 ~~any one of Claims 21 to 23~~, for which the compound of the general formula (III) is obtained by using the compounds of the general formulae (V) and (VI):



25. (Currently Amended) Compounds of the general formula (I)



in which  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are as defined in claim 10 ~~Claims 10 to 12~~,

which can be obtained via the process according to claim 10 ~~any one of Claims 21 to 24~~.